

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

Claims 21-25 (Withdrawn)

Claims 26-27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (Withdrawn)

Claims 29-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Amended) A prosthesis for insertion within a body passage comprising:

a first section including a resiliently deformable first annular element and a first tubular graft that is less resilient than said first annular element, said first tubular graft having a pair of free ends and an internal surface, said first annular element connected to one of said free ends;

a second section axially aligned with said first section, said second section including a resiliently deformable second annular element, said second annular element of said second section adapted to communicate with and resiliently engage an internal surface of said first tubular graft of said first section so as to adjustably fix the second section within the first tubular graft;

a pair of relatively rigid elements defining a pair of independent passages into said free end of said second prosthesis section; and

a third and fourth prosthesis section telescopically engaging said relatively rigid elements on said free end of said second prosthesis section, each said third and fourth prosthesis sections including a pair of annular resilient deformable spring elements and a tubular graft, said spring elements attached to free ends of said tubular graft, at least one of said spring elements adapted to engage the interior of said second prosthesis section.

33. (Previously Amended) The prosthesis of claim 32 wherein said second section further includes a second tubular graft attached to said second resilient element, said second tubular graft having a pair of free ends, one of said free ends connected to said second resilient element.

Claims 34-35 (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Amended) The prosthesis of claim 32 wherein said second prosthesis section includes a graft which has one end which defines a single passage and an opposite end which defines a pair of bifurcated passages which communicate with said single passage.

Claims 37-62 (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) A prosthesis comprising:
a tubular graft having a pair of free ends; and
a ring comprising a bundle of concentrically overlapping windings formed of a strand of resilient wire, said ring located adjacent one of said free ends and coaxial with said tubular graft.

64. (Previously Added) The prosthesis of claim 63 wherein the minimum bending diameter of said ring is less than that of a solid ring of the same dimensions.

65. (Previously Added) A prosthesis comprising:
a tubular graft having a pair of free ends; and
a ring comprising a bundle of overlapping windings formed of a strand of resilient wire, said ring secured to said graft adjacent one of said free ends thereof, wherein the minimum bending diameter of said ring is less than that of a solid ring of the same dimensions.

66. (New) A prosthesis comprising:

a tubular graft having a pair of free ends; and

62 an annular element comprising a bundle of overlapping windings formed of a strand of resilient wire, said annular element adapted to be concentric with said tubular graft and located adjacent one of said free ends.